

Kea Fact Sheet

The kea is a large, intelligent parrot; it is the world's only alpine (mountainous) parrot. It is an olive-green colour with orange under wings and a thin grey bill.



Life Span

Up to 50 years

Size

Up to 46 cm

Weight

700–1000g

Interesting Fact

Kea make their nests on the ground.

What Do They Eat?

Kea are mostly vegetarian but they sometimes eat grubs and insects.

Interactions with Humans

Kea are cheeky and curious birds that are attracted to humans. They sometimes destroy people's property. Called the 'clown of the mountains', they have become pests for residents and attractions for tourists. Kea have been kept as pets but they become difficult to control because of their size and personality.



Did you know?

Before 1870, Kea were hunted by farmers for attacking sheep.

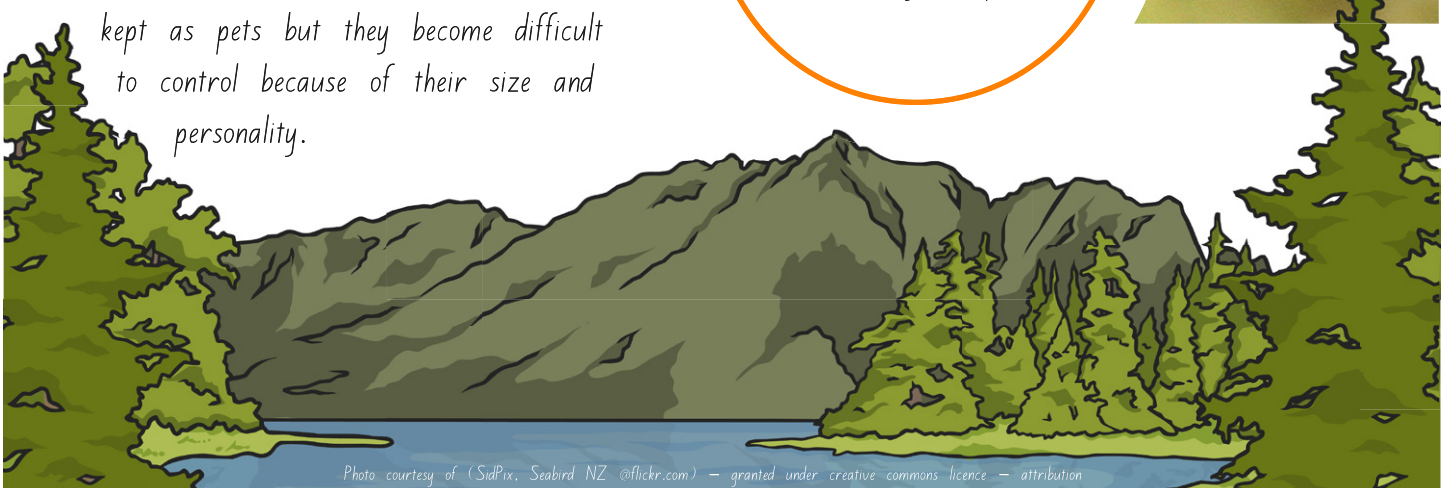


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